

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the present Application.

The Applicant wishes to express his gratitude for the courtesies extended during the September 15, 2004 Examiner Interview. During the course of the Interview, it became apparent that the pending rejection of claims 1-9 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,420,570 to Kunz was based on examination of a specification and figures associated with a different case.

Accordingly, because the pending rejection is not based on examination of the present invention and pending claims 1-15, the Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn and the present Application be examined on its merits.

In addition, as it appears the Election/Restriction Requirement of May 14 2004 was also based on the different case, the Applicant respectfully requests the Requirement be withdrawn.

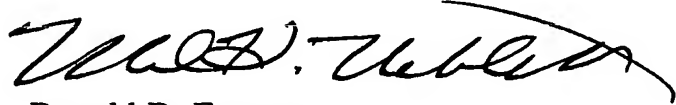
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 028987.52514US).

Respectfully submitted,

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